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We should view the accomplishments of the past five years as only a beginning because the building stones of a viable foundation must be set in mortar, one at a time.

Looking ahead, some exciting plans are underway for the Foundation in 1989. Look for news of



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I am grateful to all of you for your interest in Tyler Junior College, and ask for your continued support in order to serve the vital mission of the College.

Happy New Year!

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## Viewpoint



his is the second in a three-part series of interviews with Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins, president of Tyler Junior College, about the challenges facing Texas public higher education and the resources the state is allocating to fulfill those demands.

In part one, President Hawkins recapped what happened in the special session of the 70th Legislature with respect to higher education, the devastating effects of Gov. Clements' line-item veto of \$45 million earmarked for group insurance premiums at public junior colleges that resulted at TJC in a loss of over \$1 million in state funds for the 1988-89 biennium, the significant shift occurring in the state/local funding pattern that is diametrically opposed to 40 years of state policy, and the role junior colleges have, despite these constraints, in addressing Texas higher education's agenda now and to the year 2000.

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**Apache:** TJC submitted its written request for state appropriations for the 1990-91 biennium last July. Then in August you testified to the staffs of the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and the Governor's Budget Office on the funding requests of all 49 Texas public junior college districts in your capacity as chairman of the group's legislative affairs committee. Will you bring us up to date on activities since then?

**Hawkins:** We have been working on two fronts in getting ready for the next legislative session. The first objective is to seek restoration of the insurance premium funds which were vetoed by the governor at the close of the 70th Legislature.

**Apache:** Will there be a bill introduced in the Legislature to have those funds restored?

**Hawkins:** Yes. Legislation has been drafted seeking declaration of an emergency and requesting that the \$45 million which was vetoed be reappropriated to the junior colleges for the current biennium.

**Apache:** Who will sponsor the bill in the Senate and House?

**Hawkins:** John Montford of Lubbock, a senior member of the Senate and a member of both the LBB and the Senate Finance Committee, has agreed to carry our legislation in the Senate. Rep. Richard Williamson of Weatherford, who is a member of the LBB and the House Appropriations Committee, will carry the legislation in the House. Sen. Ted Lyon of Mesquite and Rep. David Hudson of Tyler have signed on as co-sponsors in their respective houses.

**Apache:** What are the junior colleges doing to secure support for this emergency legislation?

**Hawkins:** At this point we have gathered more than 100 commitments in the House and 27 in the Senate. It appears that we are very close to having the number of votes necessary to pass the legislation even if the governor does not put it on his emergency call.

**Apache:** Do you have any indication that the governor will put the bill on his emergency call?

**Hawkins:** Approaches are being made to the governor and his staff about that, and there are some signs that he is going to include it, but we have not received a commitment. If he puts our legislation on the call, there's no problem. If he doesn't put it on the call, we must have a four-fifths vote in both houses. We're very close to having those votes.

*Apache:* Tell us about the other front you're working on.

*Hawkins:* The other objective we're working on is to get adequate appropriations for the 1990-91 biennium. After our hearing last fall before the Legislative Budget Office and the Governor's Budget Office, we awaited action by the LBB itself. As is their custom, they put higher education off until last because it's a big ticket item and it is also one of the few areas in the state budget that is not protected by constitutional or legislative mandates.

*Apache:* What did the LBB recommend for higher education for the next biennium?

*Hawkins:* A 5 percent cut across the board from the current level of services.

*Apache:* In 1984, in order to balance the budget, the LBB proposed a 26 percent cut in funding for higher education, and they proposed another, although less drastic, cut in 1986. Why does the board always come down so hard on higher education?

*Hawkins:* When the LBB needs to balance a proposed budget, one of the best tactics is to pick out a highly sensitive and visible area of state spending and cut it. That is by design because it almost invariably elicits an outcry, even outrage, as it did in 1984. It's strategic in the sense they know that by leaning heavily on higher education for a big part of their cut, they can simultaneously build support for a tax increase or other revenue enhancements that would be necessary to bring the budget into balance without the cuts.

*Apache:* The proposed 5 percent cut for higher education seems relatively small compared to the 1984 and 1986 proposed cuts. Why not just

accept this way to make up the difference?

*Hawkins:* With a 5 percent cut we can't even maintain current levels of services much less cope with the impact of the extraordinary enrollment growth in higher education. And we *have* had "extraordinary" growth, particularly in junior colleges. Junior colleges have had an 18 percent increase in contact hours between the last biennium and this biennium—almost a fifth more.

*Apache:* Didn't TJC have its largest-ever enrollment in the fall semester last year, and how does that compare to other colleges in Texas?

*Hawkins:* Yes, we had our largest enrollment—8,075 students. In overall enrollment TJC ranks 10th among the 49 Texas public community/junior college districts; in East Texas, TJC is tops. TJC ranks favorably in size to Southern Methodist University (8,944 students), Texas Christian University (6,993), Texas Woman's University (8,901), Baylor University (11,787), East Texas State University (7,301), and Stephen F. Austin State University (12,420).

*Apache:* Why is this growth occurring?

*Hawkins:* It's occurring because we are at a critical point of service trying to heal the wounds that have been caused by the economic crisis that has hit this state—getting people educated, equipped, trained, and in some cases retrained to be part of the emerging new economy of the state. And that's not going to go away just because somebody thinks that it's unpleasant to fund it.

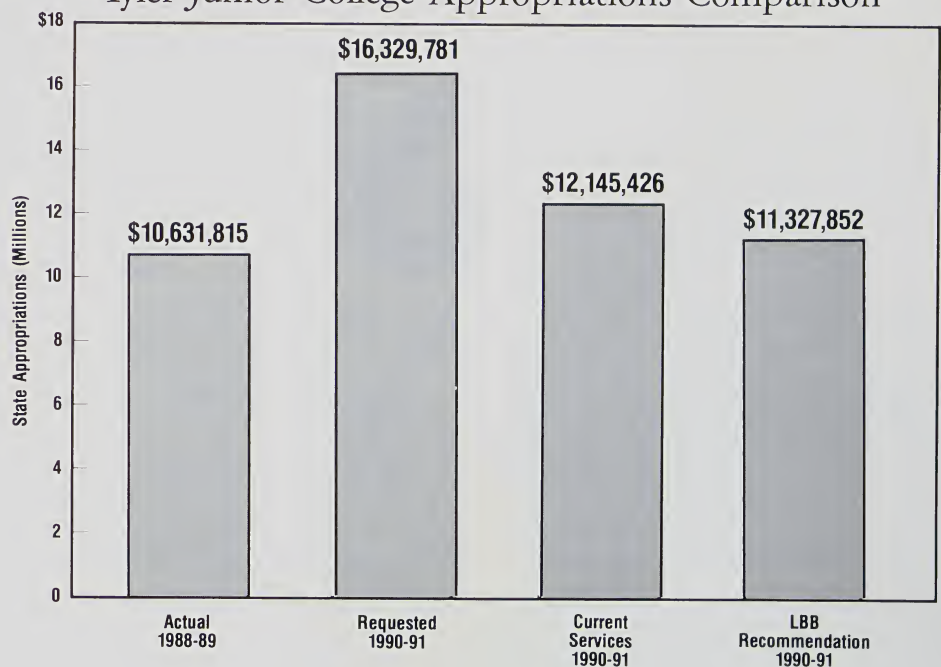
*Apache:* If the state refuses to provide adequate funding, who's going to pick up the tab?

*Hawkins:* The local taxpayer. Also, an increase in tuition and fees will have to be considered.

*Apache:* So that's Round 1. What's next?

*Hawkins:* The legislative process begins. Committees in the respective houses will schedule hearings—probably in February and surely by March—on the appropriation requests of all higher education, including junior colleges. We'll have an opportunity to go before those committees and make our case as to why the LBB recommendation is not acceptable, and why we should be funded at much higher levels given the significant growth that has occurred.

Tyler Junior College Appropriations Comparison







# SOS

## An Open Door to Success

BY RANDY MALLORY

Politely, they are called the “academically underprepared.” The Committee on Testing of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board called them “a generation of failure.”

Whatever you call them, for the last 20 years students needing special help have been coming in increasing numbers to college campuses across Texas and the nation. In 1986 the Committee on Testing estimated that almost one-fourth of the freshmen entering the state’s public colleges and universities could not read, communicate, or compute at levels needed to perform effectively in higher education.

No matter what the cause—lagging student motivation, languid parental support, or lackluster high school preparation—it has become a situation that begs for remediation.

Next fall, with stiff standards of the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) in force, requiring new placement tests and mandatory remedial courses in weak areas, the cries for help from underprepared new college students will grow even louder. (For details on TASP, see the accompanying story, *A TASP Test Primer*.)

### An ear to the ground

At Tyler Junior College these rising “SOS” signals have not gone unnoticed. Centrally located inside the new Interactive Computer Learning Center on the second floor of the Vaughn Library and Learning Resources Center, TJC’s developmental program, called Success-Oriented Studies (SOS), is recognized as ahead of its time, one of the state’s finest programs for underprepared students.

As far back as 1973, TJC has offered remedial English as part of the College’s role as an “open door” institution—that is, one without entrance requirements. The move proved beneficial, in particular, for many Vietnam War veterans returning home to East Texas.



The developmental dilemma did not go away. With the further opening of opportunities in the 1970's to students of all educational backgrounds, the need for remediation increased. When Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins became president of TJC in 1981, he saw the handwriting on the wall.

"Dr. Hawkins believes that as an open door college, we have to give all students in the district the opportunity to get higher education—that is part of our mission statement," explains Dr. Charles Johnson, English instructor and coordinator of SOS. "And that means a helping program that is heavily success-oriented and not designed to weed students out."

### A test of the times

So in 1982, under the leadership of (English program chairperson) Mary Waldrop, TJC offered new courses in remedial writing and reading, while also requiring new students to take placement tests in those same areas. Students who failed would have to take a noncredit developmental course in weak areas before advancing to college-level transfer courses.

While hard for students to swallow, the tough new rules proved a godsend to many students who might have dropped out of school without that extra measure to help.

"Back then, the College decided that if we see students who need help, why not use our programs to motivate them to achieve what they can, to take more responsibility, to set goals, develop study skills and work on their self-concept," points out Dr. Johnson. "And experience had shown us that if you gave the students a choice, many would say, 'Thanks, but no thanks,' to noncredit remedial courses, no matter how badly they needed them."

In 1987 existing remedial courses in each division were pulled together under the SOS umbrella for improved coordination.

In light of upcoming TASP standards, the timing was right.

"For six years we have been doing basically what TASP standards require," Dr. Johnson notes, "although the cut-off scores and the nature of the new state placement test may be different. With SOS now in place, we feel we are definitely ahead of the game."

### Back to the future, again

Undoubtedly, the prospects of TASP bring new challenges to educators and students alike. Yet it points to an ongoing problem that has existed from the earliest days of American higher education: not all students who go to college are prepared to do so.

The first remedial programs in the U.S. date as far back as the 1840's, a time when land-hungry settlers from the South and Midwest were just beginning to move into what is now East Texas. By 1889, some 80 percent of postsecondary institutions in the country had some form of college preparatory program.

**A**fter World War I, the growth of junior colleges (TJC began in 1926) spawned an alternative to the college prep school, which by the '40's had largely been replaced by junior colleges and college divisions within universities.

Remedial programs at junior colleges swelled with back-to-school-bound GI's in the late '40's and early '50's, and again in the '60's as baby boomers, facing selective university entrance requirements, turned increasingly to local community colleges. Then came the Civil Rights movement and federal equal opportunity programs which added large numbers of under-prepared nontraditional college students to the already growing number of under-prepared traditional students.

By having to keep their doors open to everyone, critics suggested some public junior colleges and universities have had to lower course requirements to keep unacceptable numbers of students from failing.

### The best of both worlds

Aware of potential pitfalls, Dr. Johnson sees the SOS approach as the best of both worlds. "SOS is still in its infancy, so it's still evolving," the educator explains. "But without it, you get large dropout rates and dilution of regular course work."

Here's how the SOS program works.

Underprepared students are first identified through the Counseling Center, many during the testing day at TJC's regular summer orientation for entering freshmen. All new students must take placement tests in reading, writing and mathematics. Dr. Johnson and his staff factor in national test scores, if available, when evaluating placement test results. But students *must* register for noncredit developmental courses—not regular transfer courses—in areas in which they have failed a placement test.

For students—and parents—test results can be a shock.

"Some students can't believe they have to take remedial work first. And parents sometimes say, 'He had no trouble in high school, so what's the problem?'" Dr. Johnson says, "We work with them one-on-one with directive counseling about what being 'underprepared' means. We try not to make them feel different from the rest of the students. If it's done in a caring, sympathetic manner, most understand."

Older than average students—who make up a one-fourth of SOS students and 38 percent of all TJC students—are handled the same way, but often come to SOS with a different point of view.



"Older students often are attracted to TJC because of our technical programs—wanting to restart a career, for instance," Dr. Johnson points out. "They have high school diplomas but have been out of school many years. Some even have passing placement scores, but still choose to take SOS courses to refresh themselves in the basics before entering regular curricula. Some of our most motivated SOS students are older."

### Touching hundreds of lives

The SOS program at TJC already touches hundreds of students' lives each year: 200 in writing; 700 in math; and 450 in reading—though some students take more than one remedial course at a time. These figures promise to rise substantially with new TASP requirements.

Currently, developmental writing has two levels, Basic English I and Basic English II, which must be passed before entering freshmen English. The courses are heavily writing oriented.

Developmental math has three levels: Arithmetic; Bridge to Algebra; and Introduction to Algebra.

Three developmental reading courses are for students with low reading levels (learning disabled), mid-level reading (eighth to tenth grade level) and advanced speed reading (non-required, but designed to bring reading up to college levels).

SOS also offers a personal development course to inspire under-prepared students to set personal goals and learn study skills needed in college.

Except for the personal development course, SOS students must pass an exit test in a course area before moving to a regular TJC course. Most students progress into regular TJC course work after only one SOS course.

One of Dr. Johnson's biggest tasks is seeing that students requiring SOS actually get it. "Some aren't motivated to register for noncredit SOS courses, so we have to follow up and make sure they do," he says.

Computer registration changes at TJC, currently underway, will allow the SOS staff to make sure under-prepared students don't register for regular courses when they need developmental. New TASP guidelines will require such a tracking system for all state colleges.

### Support at every turn

Currently, the SOS staff is comprised of coordinator Dr. Johnson (who also teaches writing), assistant coordinator Steve Green (who also teaches math), and program secretary Jeri Mann. There are two full-time SOS reading teachers, Dr. Judy Barnes and Linda Russell; other SOS instructors come from other programs where they also teach regular transfer courses.

**B**ut many SOS students get effective one-on-one support still closer to home—from their peers, student tutors provided by TJC. "We train our tutors not only to avoid talking down to SOS students, but to see themselves as a motivating factor," explains Vickie Geisel, coordinator of TJC Support Services. "Sometimes it's easier for underprepared students to say 'I don't know' to a fellow student."

A new kind of SOS student support came for the first time this past fall from the Junior League of Tyler. In 1987 a Junior League member survey showed interest in the issue of adult illiteracy in Tyler. As a result, a handful of Junior Leaguers are now volunteer tutors for underprepared TJC students.

League member Tracee Boles works with a student from Taiwan who needs intensive help learning English. Another League volunteer, Rebecca Bibby (also a TJC instructor), helps a learning disabled student by recording his government text on audio tape. Other volunteers

help in the classroom and tutor students at night and on weekends.

League member Dara Austin explains that TJC was picked for the placements because "it seemed to have the best organized program and since the results can be monitored to see if you're actually helping." The Junior League also donated \$8,000 for computers and software needed by SOS students.

### Nothing succeeds like success

In 1986 when TJC alumnus Mike Staples, now 33, decided to go back to school, it had been 12 years since he graduated from high school, and then just barely managing C's. He was nervous about entering TJC.

So the Tylerite signed up for developmental English and algebra. "I joked with Dr. Johnson that they really spoonfed us the information, but that's what we needed at the time," recalls Staples, who went on to major in math, even returning the SOS favor by tutoring other under-prepared students himself.

Last spring, Staples graduated from TJC with a grade point average of 3.2; now he's studying statistics at Stephen F. Austin State University. "I just can't say enough good things about the extra help I got early on at TJC," he adds. "Without it, I would have been lost."

Although he came to the U.S. with a degree from a university in his native Pakistan, another alumnus, Mahmoud (David) Kamdar, registered at TJC in 1983 with little knowledge of English and mathematics. After developmental math and regular math courses, he eventually got a bachelor's degree in business administration that qualified him for a job in accounting/purchasing at the Sears Corp. in Dallas.



A weakness in mathematics also became a strength for Lorenda Busby of Mabank. When she entered TJC's developmental program several years ago, she started basically at "zero," one math instructor remembers. With that instructional support—and a great deal of personal perseverance—she ultimately became a petroleum engineer and now is an oil industry auditor for the IRS, crunching those same numbers that once gave her trouble.

### Building a strong foundation for higher education

SOS success stories come like a breath of fresh air to new SOS students like freshman Kristen Lundberg from Houston. She's on her way to becoming a success story herself. "It's pretty reassuring being in the program," she readily admits, "I've had so many good grades.

"It's kind of like reinforcement of what to expect in regular classes from my teachers and other students," she concludes. "It gives me a stronger foundation, I think."

**T**hat's Success Oriented Studies in a nutshell: building a stronger foundation for higher education.

Explains Dr. Johnson: "Many students come to us in a pattern of low level critical thinking skills, not having had adequate attention and motivation along the way. SOS gives them a chance to turn that around by putting course information into a format they can grab onto.

"By doing so, we also help non-SOS students at TJC. With developmental courses available and mandatory, we protect the higher standards found across the board in regular transfer courses. That's our challenging role as an open door college."



### Dr. Charles Johnson: Developmental Dynamo

Some images don't fade with time in the mind of Dr. Charles Johnson, TJC coordinator of Success Oriented Studies (SOS).

That ill-fated November 22, 1963 in Dallas, he was a high school teacher of English literature. When the news of John F. Kennedy's death reached his classroom, he was discussing the assassination scene from Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*. The irony sticks with him.

Dr. Johnson also remembers—with excitement—when he first got "bit" by the developmental education bug.

While teaching in Dallas public schools, Johnson also was earning a master's degree in education from East Texas State University. In 1967 the Greenville, Texas native joined an innovative interdisciplinary team at Tarrant County Junior College in Fort Worth, a team working with developmental students.

The work there brought a spark into Johnson's career that has grown since. One of five full-time developmental teachers on the team, he saw how quickly underprepared students could progress when stimulated and motivated in a well-coordinated program.

He also noticed how remedial programs in some colleges get second-class treatment with unwilling instructors forced to teach develop-

mental courses. "Ironically, you actually need the best teachers to combat students' negative attitudes about what they can achieve," he reminds.

In the meantime, Johnson earned his doctorate at the University of Texas at Austin and, after two years of teaching in Tennessee, came to TJC in 1982 as a developmental English instructor—and in 1987 as SOS coordinator.

At TJC, Dr. Johnson found not only a desire to build a top-notch developmental program, he also discovered tennis. TJC's world-renowned tennis tech program hooked him on the lifelong sport. (A natural athlete, Johnson played semi-pro baseball while a student at East Texas State.) In fact, he has even served as steering committee member for three years for the National Junior College Athletic Association's Men's Tennis Tournament.

An active member of the Texas Association of Developmental Educators and the Texas Junior College Teachers Association, Dr. Johnson was named "Outstanding Instructor of 1987" by TJC's Division of Humanities and Social Sciences. He and his wife Linda have a 13-year-old son Brian.



# TASP

The whirlwind of state-required changes in public education moves into Texas colleges and universities in a bold new direction in 1989.

The newest requirement is the TASP Test, a prime part of the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) mandated in 1987 by the Legislature to ensure that all students in the state's institutions of higher education can read, write and do math at a college level.

At the same time, the new law requires colleges to offer remediation to any student not passing the test.

Beginning in the fall of 1989 (the spring for teacher education students), all students entering Texas public colleges and universities will have to take the TASP Test their first semester in school. And in order to stay in school students must pass all sections (reading, writing and math) of the test before reaching 60 semester credit hours.

Plainly said, to get a degree from TJC or any other state college, you will *have* to pass the TASP test.

The TASP Test was created by National Evaluation Systems, Inc., of Amherst, Massachusetts, under the guidance of Texas education agencies and with extensive input from 5,000 of the state's educators—including TJC's Reggie Brazzle, counselor/testing coordinator, and Joy Hasley, math instructor.

Each section of the test is comprised of 40-50 multiple-choice and true-false questions. The writing section will also require an essay of 300-600 words. "Although the test is not yet available for review, we are told that the writing sample will be far more challenging than TJC now requires," adds Dr. Charles Johnson, coordinator of developmental courses. "It will be an analytical piece, one in which the student has to support a point in the discourse."

Dr. Johnson expects that the writing sample alone will be tough enough to swell the ranks of TJC students turning to the SOS program for help.

Another reason, he adds, is that the grade required to pass each section may be higher than now required on TJC's placement tests.

"The challenge for SOS will be to not just teach the TASP Test. We don't want our program to be only that," Dr. Johnson says. "But the reality is that we also must be practical and see that students can pass it."

Ironically, when the requirements of the new TASP Test sink into the public, Dr. Johnson predicts, general enrollment at TJC and other colleges statewide might go up in the spring and summer of 1989. The reason? Students who have earned at least three semester credit hours of college-level work *before* the fall of '89 are exempt from taking the test.

Another spin-off effect on TJC will be the computerized system required by the state to track each student's performance from registration, through testing and remediation (if needed), to reporting of test scores to the student, the state and the last school attended. "The logistical nightmare of paperwork has gotten a lot of schools into a frenzy," Dr. Johnson points out.

But because it has required placement tests and remediation for six years, TJC is more prepared for the TASP Test than many, he adds, especially four-year schools that have not had developmental education programs in recent years.

The TASP Test (which costs \$24) will be given, beginning in March of 1989, on Saturday mornings five times a year at about 100 test sites statewide, TJC being the local test site. Students may take the test as many times as needed. The TJC campus liaison officer for TASP is Kenneth Lewis, dean of admissions.

Like it or not, the TASP Test is here to stay.

Adds Dr. Johnson: "The upshot of it all is that for students wanting to get a degree, the SOS program at TJC will become more important. They'll turn to us—if for no other reason than the new law—for help."





## Swinney & Swinney:

### A Family Affair

BY SHELLY HULSEY

**T**oothache? Call for an appointment with Paul G. Swinney, D.D.S., on McDonald Road in Tyler. However, you might need to be specific as to whether you want Dr. Swinney, Sr., or Dr. Swinney, Jr.

The senior member of the team graduated from Tyler Junior College's pre-dental program 20 years earlier than his son, nicknamed Chip; but both feel they got a jump on the field as a result of TJC's pre-dentistry program.

"A real credit to TJC is the fact that the College has the best record of two-year preparation in dentistry with more graduates in dental school and more to receive their licensure. The two-year program provides as strong a background if not better than many three- to four-year programs in other colleges," said Dr. Swinney, Sr.

Dr. Swinney, Jr. agrees that the program is an asset to students planning to go into the dentistry field. "I was able to get my complete training in six years. I graduated from the University of Texas Dental School in the spring of 1987, with grades as good as and sometimes better than those students from A&M and the University of Texas at Austin. I was able to

**A father/son team credits their success to TJC's pre-dentistry program.**

graduate faster and get my start in the field faster."

Both admit that there are some bad points and disappointments in the field. But they avidly insist that there are as many problems in any area. They also insist that the advantages far outweigh whatever disadvantages there may be.

The theory that governs their office is also a good philosophy for everyday life: "We do our best for everyone just as if we were doing it for our family. You owe your best to the people who have placed their confidence in you."

According to Dr. Swinney, Sr., two events serve as emotional and morale boosters for him. "The first is the fact that my son would follow in my footsteps. The second is when I treat someone and have an impact on their life, whether it is their physical appearance or developing a personal relationship with them."

Two memorable experiences for the senior dentist convey that important accomplishment.

"One special doctor-patient relationship developed when a 14-year-old girl came to my office for treatment on a missing front tooth. The tooth had been taken out when she was 8 and never replaced. As a result, she had developed a serious self-image problem, and partially resented her parents for her appearance. I would joke and kid

with her but she never smiled or cut up. When I fitted her with caps, however, I could see the change. A couple weeks later, I saw her and she was a bubbly, pretty little girl with a completely new attitude, full of smiles and laughter."

Dr. Swinney, Sr. also had an experience with a rebellious adoptee.

"The young man had lived as an orphan on the streets of California. When he was adopted by a couple, he was still full of pent-up frustrations and pain. Soon after he began treatment (dental) in my office, we developed a friendship. After many talks and conversations, I became a trusted confidante. Later, I received a letter from his parents thanking me for the interest I had taken and informing me that he had opened up a better relationship with them. The results for the part I played serve as the best reward I could possibly get."

The father and son team are not the only members of the family working together. Carol Swinney, Dr. Swinney, Sr.'s wife, also works in the office. She is a former Apache Belle at TJC. Their daughter is a Baylor graduate and is presently attending law school at UT Austin.

Dr. Swinney, Sr. chose the dentistry field because he wanted to receive an education and be trained to "render a special service that not just anyone could do. I grew up in retail merchandising, but I wanted to do something I could be skilled in, something special."

On the other hand, Dr. Swinney, Jr. had in mind the self-employment aspect when he chose the field. "I liked the idea of being my own boss. Also, the fact that my dad is a dentist had something to do with it. We have always been real close and he encouraged me. We work real well together."

Dr. Swinney, Jr. offered some advice for young dentistry students or any young graduate. "Decide what you want to do and stick to it. Nothing is easy, you just have to start out and keep working for it."





## Isadore Roosth Named Distinguished Alumnus for 1988

BY DOTTIE ROARK



"He taught me how important volunteerism is—how important it is to give back to your community," says Sherry Roosth, the oldest of Isadore's five children and an active board member for three non-profit organizations in Dallas.

"Family is very important to him. When my sister Toni was home sick with chicken pox, Dad would come home each day at noon with some little surprise for her.

"And there's a story that makes me feel special. When I was born, my spine wasn't completely fused together, and the doctors didn't know if I would live or not.

"Dad was at Fort Bliss then, and there happened to be a neurosurgeon there from California who knew what to do. He took some of the cartilage from the side of my dad's leg and fused my spine together with his cartilage.

"At first they didn't tell my mom since they didn't know if I was going to make it or not. And when my dad came limping in to the hospital room to see my mom, she asked what happened to his leg. He told her he'd been on maneuvers and cut his leg on barbed wire. He didn't tell her what had happened until it was all over and they knew I'd be alright."

In 1928 when Tyler Junior College was just a handful of students meeting in the old Tyler High School, one of those students was the 15-year-old son of a Tyler baker.

After a year at TJC, this student transferred to Texas A&M where he received a chemical engineering degree, and he later returned to Tyler to work and raise a family.

Many of TJC's alumni have traveled similar paths, but Tyler Junior College recognized this particular student, Isadore Roosth, as the Distinguished Alumnus for 1988 . . .

. . . not because of fame—though the name of Isadore Roosth is known throughout East Texas and the state; in fact, he was given the Distinguished Health Service

Award—the highest honor of the Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council—in 1988, and received a standing ovation from the audience of 1,200, including numerous state dignitaries and officials;

. . . not because of power—though he has served as board member and/or officer of 31 organizations in East Texas and the State of Texas;

. . . and not because of riches—though he has given generously to health and educational interests throughout the region.

But, simply, Isadore Roosth is recognized and honored for all the lives he has touched with the generous gift of his time, his wisdom, his leadership and his compassion.



*Isadore Roosth, left, visits with TJC President Raymond M. Hawkins following a dinner in Roosth's honor last October at Hollytree Country Club in Tyler. Roosth is a member of the Tyler Junior College Foundation Board of Directors.*





**T**his is the first in a series of profiles on the nine men who make up the Board of Trustees of the Tyler Junior College District. This policy making board, with 191 accumulative years of service, is a strong force in backing the mission of the College. Spotlighted in this issue of the *Apache* are A.D. Clark, president; Earl C. Andrews, first vice president; and Harry Loftis, second vice president.

BY BILLIE PYE

## Men Who Make A Difference

**“D**esolate, sand blowing, cars parked everywhere,” says A.D. Clark of the Tyler Junior College campus when he became a trustee of the school 38 years ago. “It was nothing but a dirt field.

“Now anyone who knows me knows I love trees and trees have to be everywhere I am. So, I told then TJC president Dr. Harry Jenkins (now deceased) to plant some on the campus.”

Without a formal plan and with limited funds, a tree planting program began. Some were bought, but many were dug up in the “bottoms” and brought to campus by faculty and staff. Dr. (Edward) Potter, who at that time was a dean, was very instrumental in helping to carry out the program, Clark says.

“Ever so often,” Clark recalls with a laugh, “Dr. Jenkins would come by and say, ‘Mr. Clark, have we got enough trees?’ And I’d say, ‘No, Dr. Jenkins, you don’t.’ We put out trees for years and it has resulted in a beautiful campus.”

Sitting behind an immense antique partner’s desk in his law office in downtown Tyler, Clark, who is president of the TJC Board, shared this and other thoughts about the College, and talked about his family and career.

He practices law with his son, A.D. III and his son’s wife Carole. Another son Bill is a plaintiff’s lawyer with offices across the street. Daughter Nancy works for MHMR in Tyler, and daughter Jenny lives with her husband and two children in Minneapolis. He also has two other grandchildren.

Besides trees, Clark and the other board members recognized the need to offer more services to the community along with educating students in the district. In order to accomplish that, the physical plant had to be expanded.

“We started a building program and had one of some nature in being every year for the first 25 to 30 years I was on the board,” he says.



At the time the building program began only five structures were on the campus: Main Building (now Jenkins Hall), a small student center, Gentry Gym, an athletic dorm and a garage. Today, the College has 30 buildings with a 31st (Rogers Student Center) scheduled to open next fall.

“We haven’t had those building programs that continuously in the last few years because we had pretty much reached a maximum growth. Then we instituted these last five years a *Campus Development Plan*, and

we’re working on another plan to take effect upon the end of this phase,” Clark says.

The most dramatic change through the years, according to Clark, is service to the community because the College now has

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programs that train people for the job market rather than *just* preparing students academically. “We’re mandated, because of the modern needs of businesses, to provide students an educational basis on which they can go out and earn a living,” he says.

“I also think a liberal arts education is of the utmost importance, and Tyler Junior College is providing that, and providing it for approximately half the cost of a four-year public institution.”

Surveys have been run to determine how transfer students have done after they leave TJC, and Clark says he is “most” pleased with the results. “They (transfer students) have equalled or excelled people who began their studies at four-year institutions.”

Clark didn’t attend TJC “much to my regret,” he says. After he finished Tyler High School, he entered the University of Texas at Austin and earned both a B.B.A. degree and a law degree.

He finished law school and had taken the bar exam by mid-term the year World War II started. When he got notice that he had passed the bar exam, he was already in the service taking basic training in Abilene. “I went downtown to a judge and took the oath so at least I’d be a lawyer,” he says.

Clark spent four years in the service, first with the 90th Infantry



Division and later in intelligence. "I look back on it now and somebody was looking out for me because one of my old buddies in the 90th came by to see me after the war and he told me they had 90 percent casualties. The 90th led Patton's 3rd Army so they took the brunt." His overseas duties were primarily in the Pacific.

Clark says he has no plans to retire from his law practice although he doesn't push so hard anymore. He and his wife Bee enjoy traveling, with their favorite vacation spots being San Francisco and Monterey.

Imagine taking an automatic wringer washing machine to prospective buyers' homes, doing their wash, hanging it on the line to dry, going back late in the afternoon and taking it off the line, then making a sales pitch. During the 1930's in the appliance business, it was all in a day's work for TJC Board Trustee Earl C. Andrews.



"Competition was rough," Andrews says. "We were competing with the old rubboard, the No. 3 tub and the washpot out in the yard."

He recalls a specific incident when he was trying to sell a \$79.95 washing machine right after advertising had come out on the safety of the wringer.

"One of my neighborhood friends was interested in a washer and I was demonstrating it for her in the store and convincing her that she could not get hurt," he says.

"I got my hand caught in that thing and it was wringing around and I couldn't cut it off, couldn't reach the switch and I said lady, would you mind pulling the cord out of the wall. She did it and I had to walk around the tub with the wringer so I could unwind.

"I did *not* make a sale."

Andrews retired from the appliance business 40 years later when Andrews-Riviere Company liquidated. Many of his employees had been with him from the beginning and perhaps their loyalty to him lay in his ability to work people.

"I never criticized a person in front of someone else," he says. "I never deprived him of his pride. If I had something to say to him I did it privately. I let him talk too—I'm not perfect."

It was after Andrews finished school that he met Frances, who was visiting a friend in Tyler, and he married her after a four-year courtship. "I was trying to get enough money together to marry her," he says. "I was raised to think you were supposed to take care of the girl you married."

They have a daughter Ellen (married to Dr. Lannom Smith, dean of UT Tyler School of Liberal Arts) and four grandchildren—Lann, Christen, Haley and Hadley.

Tyler knows Andrews from his leadership roles in numerous civic organizations. He has served as president of the Retail Merchants Association, Rotary Club, Texas Rose Festival Association, East Texas Hospital Foundation, Tyler Community Concerts and East Texas Fair Association.

He is director emeritus of First City National Bank and has served as chairman of the board of Tyler Savings and Loan Association and the East Texas Mental Health and Mental Retardation Association.

He received the T.B. Butler Publishing Company Award for outstanding citizen in 1967. He says he was really surprised by the honor and shows with pride the watch given to him at that time. He says he has been spending a lot of

money on it to keep it running because it has sentimental value.

He ran for the TJC Board of Trustees in 1965 and was elected. He is now serving as first vice president of the board.

**E**verytime this College builds a new building . . . it is a step in the right direction.

"The College has grown tremendously since I've been on the board, not that I had anything to do with it," he says with modesty. "It has been one of the most personally rewarding experiences I've ever had.

"My dream for TJC is more campus housing, that's my long suit. I want to make it easier for prospective students to come here. I don't like the idea of their living in residential areas because I think the exposure to campus life is as valuable as the academic work.

"The reason is the contacts they will make with individuals from all over the United States. These contacts will be needed, they will be helpful.

"To me, every time this College builds a new building, whether it is a dorm or classroom or what, it is a step in the right direction. We'll never get enough money to provide the necessary facilities, but I get a thrill every time we let a contract to build.

"I want the College here for whoever wants it, and I'm interested in providing quality education for these students."

After working and essentially supporting himself since he was 9 years old, how is Andrews spending his time since his retirement in 1977? Working.

"That doesn't mean I don't enjoy other things," he says, "but I just can't go home and sit. If I do, I go to sleep. But you can give me a set of books that are out of balance and I can work three days without a wink of sleep.

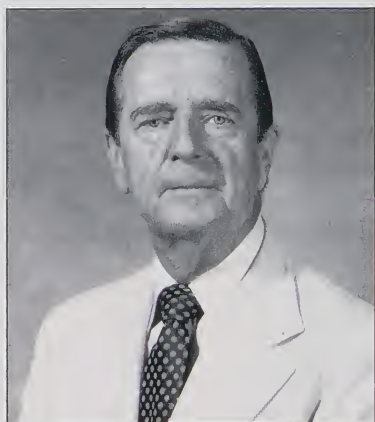
"It's a challenge. I enjoy it."

Frances sums him up when she says, "He does not know how to play, for work is play to him."



Until a recent move, TJC Trustee Harry Loftis could sit in his spacious office on the ninth floor of First Place in downtown Tyler, turn his swivel chair around and gaze down on the courthouse square where he once sold popcorn and roasted peanuts to earn money for school clothes when he was only 7 years old.

He is proof of the American dream, that with hard work a kid born poor can grow up not only to become successful in his chosen field but also a leading citizen, and do it in his own backyard.



Now at 67, his brown hair is frosted with gray and his bright blue eyes are set deep in a craggy face. His voice is deep and sonorous. He rarely pauses as he reminisces about the long climb up the ladder.

He and his twin sister Ellen were born in Brownsboro and their place in the family was about mid-way of eight children. The family moved to Tyler when the twins were only a few months old.

"We were a happy family with good parents but we were very poor people," he says, "and we all worked from little bitty tykes on."

By the time he was 13 he had quit peddling and gone to work for the *Tyler Courier-Times*, first as a paperboy, then as the person receiving complaints in the front office and finally as a mail clerk working from 10 p.m. to 5 o' clock in the morning.

He faced some of his most demanding responsibilities during his teen years and had to drop out

of high school for a year in order to give more financial aid to his family. He says he "pretty much" had a chip on his shoulder because he had to work all the time while his peers were going to movies and dances.

When he did return to school he happened to get into a speech class taught by Eva Saunders, who later became TJC Apache Belles director, and he credits her with much of his success today.

"She undoubtedly recognized what she thought were some abilities and she immediately got behind me and encouraged me in every way that she could," he says. "She planted in me an idea that I could be anything I wanted to be and from that, my whole life changed.

"I was elected president of my senior class, president of my home-room, president of the student body and school favorite.

"Eva helped me at a time when I could go either way in life. She was a great lady."

After high school he attended TJC before joining the Army Air Corps during World War II.

When the war ended, he married his hometown sweetheart, Margaret Ann, who was soon to graduate from UT Austin. He joined her there and later graduated from the university's law school.

After that they returned home. "I've never had any regrets about coming back to Tyler to practice law, but sometimes this is the hardest thing in the world on a professional man," Loftis says. "People would think, there's old Harry. He really doesn't go as fast as the new kid on the block in a professional field."

But he has gone fast, and far. He's been Smith County district attorney, Smith County judge, vice president of a bank, served as president of numerous civic organizations and was recipient of the Earl Story Award for outstanding young man in Tyler in the early 1950's and the T.B. Butler Publishing Co. Award for outstanding Tyler citizen in 1975.

Now, except for his continued involvement in Marvin United Methodist Church and TJC, Loftis has about stopped participating in

civic work. He does, however, maintain his TJC Board position because "I think it is a tremendous challenge; a tremendous work; a position of dignity." He has been a trustee since 1966 and is now serving as second vice president.

**W**e are in a new era now; there's not any question about that.

"The board and the administration for many, many years maintained and managed affairs in a very conservative way and in many instances in an old fashioned way.

"For many, many years we were close-fisted with money and Dr. Jenkins, who was a man of power and a man of great vision and ability, was a tyrant in many ways in holding on to the purse strings and squeezing, making a dollar go a long way.

"We are in a new era now; there's not any question about that. I think we are blessed with Dr. Raymond Hawkins who is an outstanding administrator. He's a different person and we're in a different world.

"The biggest change on campus since I came on the board is the difference in Harry Jenkins and Ray Hawkins. Because we are living in a new world it was time for us to change over. Hawkins is more of a team man and Dr. Jenkins was almost a one-man operation."

Loftis says the dreams he had for the College have already been accomplished so he has set new ones. He hopes to see a "total medical center concept" in Tyler with TJC, UT Tyler, UT Health Center and local hospitals working together and complementing each other.

Many dreams Loftis had of a personal nature have also been accomplished. He and Margaret Ann have raised three children in which they take great pride. Daughter Molly lives in Dallas with her husband and three children. Son Michael lives in Minneapolis with his wife and two children, and son Lee resides in Tyler with his wife and two children.





## TJC Foundation Raises \$9,000 in Golf Tournament

A light drizzle was falling when a slew of men arrived at Willow Brook Country Club last September 19 to play in the Tyler Junior College Foundation's first golf tournament. Even so, spirits were high with the Apache Belles greeting the golfers, and the Apache Jazz Band playing during a deli lunch served in the Club's Men's Grill.

The familiar saying "it never rains on the golf course" held true because the sun came out just minutes before the 1 o'clock shotgun start for the 24 teams in the six-man scramble.

The tournament was held to raise money for the Foundation, a non-profit corporation whose resolve is to strengthen the higher educational resources of Texas by encouraging a program of benefactions to Tyler Junior College.

Proceeds from the tournament were \$9,000, said C.C. Baker, Jr., executive director of the Foundation. "Feedback from the golfers has been so positive that the tournament will become an annual event," he said. The 1989 tournament is scheduled for September 18. George Hall will serve as chairman of the event.

Taking first place in the tournament was the team of Raymond Van Cleef, Jack Davidson, Scott Ellis, Larry Hickman, Jerry Malone and Gene Meier. They won in a playoff over John Tindel, Larry Barbin, Pat Murley, Harry Loftis, Ken Goates and Les Loggins.

Special awards were given to Guy Conine, closest to hole No. 3; Ric Freeman, closest to hole No. 6; Brad French, closest to hole No. 17; and Les Loggins, longest drive.

Team captains were John Tindel, Henry Bell, III, George Hall, Dick Hightower, Lee Loftis, Joe Prud'homme, Sam Agnew, J.D. Menasco, Billy Jack Doggett, C.C. Baker, Jr., Raymond Van Cleef and Ken Dance.

Also, Charles Bronaugh, Jerry Atherton, John Noble, Floyd Wagstaff, John Anderson, Charles Saul, Bill Hamm, Randy Roberts, Randy Kidwell, Ric Freeman, Bennett White and Bill Oswalt.

The tournament steering committee included John Tindel, chairman; Henry Bell, III, finance; George Hall, team sign-up; Dick Hightower, awards; Lee Loftis, tournament format and course; Joe Prud'homme, golf carts; Dan Woldert, Jr., registration; Floyd Wagstaff, guest players; J.D. Menasco, tournament format and course; Billy Jack Doggett, entertainment; Billie Pye, arrangements; Betty Nelson, publicity; C.C. Baker, Jr., TJC liaison; and Ray Van Cleef and Ken Dance, ex officio.

Sponsors were Medical Center Hospital, Jim Arnold, Bob Buford, Hibbs-Hallmark & Co., Don Hill, Ramey Flock Jeffus Crawford Harper & Collins Law Firm, Bob Rogers, Isadore Roosth, Threlkeld-Covington Insurance and Royce Wisenbaker.

## Foundation Members Challenged at Meet

Public education in Texas is no longer state-supported—state-assisted—but not state-supported, Robert M. Rutledge, III, president of Texas A&M University Development Foundation, told the Tyler Junior College Foundation Board and Development Council during its biannual meeting in November.

"Higher education is in dire need of resources," he said, because resources won't increase at the same pace as inflation.

He urged Foundation members to assist TJC in its quest for academic excellence by securing volunteers who can focus attention that benefits the College, providing asset management, being responsive to the community and TJC and supplying stewardship of funds.

"Summing up, that means to serve," he said.

Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins, president of TJC, told the group that the role they are playing is vital in

addressing the challenges and complex issues facing higher education both now and in the future.

"Tyler Junior College can become the pre-eminent community college in the nation with the continued support we are getting from the private sector through efforts of you people here today," he said.

Hawkins announced contributions to the TJC Foundation since February, 1988, amount to \$388,167. Total contributions to the Foundation since 1983 total more than \$2.5 million.

Dr. Jim M. Vaughn, TJC Foundation president, announced Lottie Caldwell, William Pirtle and Watson W. Wise had been reappointed to the Foundation Board. Reappointed to the Foundation Development Council were James W. Arnold, Martha "Rusty" Fletcher, George T. Hall, B.G. Hartley, Lee Loftis, Virginia M. Pearson, Joseph L. Prud'homme and Sam L. Wolf.

Other members of the Foundation Board are James W. Fair, vice president; Raymond M. Hawkins, secretary; Eugene M. Allen, Earl C. Andrews, A.D. Clark, Jack W. Flock, Milfred L. Lewis, Harry Loftis, Edward M. Potter, Robert M. Rogers, Isadore Roosth, Patrick R. Thomas, Bonna Bess Vaughn, Jack White and Royce E. Wisenbaker.

Development Council members also include Harold C. Beard, Henry M. Bell, Jr., Henry M. Bell, III, Charles Bronaugh, Allen M. Burt, Stuart Chesley, Charles L. Childers, Louise Orr Estabrook, Dick Hightower, Earl C. Kinzie, Asa C. Lockhart, Robert S. Pirtle, A.W. Riter, III, Thomas G. Robinson, John G. Tindel, Dorothy Fay White and Dan C. Woldert, Jr.

Also recognized were members of the TJC Foundation Planned Giving Advisory Council, including John G. Payne, Robert M. Bandy, J. Robert Dobbs, Jr., Michael D. Allen, John D. Rogers, John H. Barr, Sam Dawson, Robert L. Bailes, Tom Lyles, Weldon Squyres and James W. Knowles and Lynn Acker, ex officio.



## Another TJC/UT Tyler Connection

Nursing faculty from Tyler Junior College and the University of Texas at Tyler were in New York last November to study national nursing curricula as part of a \$6,500 grant recently awarded to TJC.

Marie Jackson, coordinator of the associate degree nursing program at TJC, and Paul Brown, associate professor of nursing at UT Tyler, visited the National League for Nursing Headquarters in New York City to investigate nursing curricula which offer a linear program of study from one- and two-year nursing degrees to a baccalaureate degree in an effort to develop a similar program at the two Tyler colleges.

TJC was awarded the grant from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation Partnership Development Fund (Sears PDF) for the 1988-89 academic year. The grant is one of 29 awarded this year by the Sears PDF to community, technical and junior colleges to support their efforts in providing education and training needed to help produce a world-class work force.

The purpose of the grant is to support the development of an articulated nursing curriculum between TJC and UT Tyler.

"We believe an articulated nursing curriculum between our institutions will attract unemployed and underemployed by offering timely access to employment at the LVN (licensed vocational nurse) level while creating the option to continue at the associate, baccalaureate and graduate level," Jackson said.

"We also expect to increase enrollment and graduation of nurses by providing a comprehensive course of study to facilitate the progression of nursing students and to help alleviate the critical shortage of nurses in Texas and the nation."

At the 1987 career day activities at both of the Tyler colleges, more than 600 nursing positions were available to the 84 graduates of these two programs, Jackson said.

TJC had 78 freshmen and 80 sophomores enrolled in the nursing program last semester. UT Tyler had about 152 nursing majors, including both full- and part-time students.

"This is a history-making event for the two nursing programs," Brown said. "It's a very affirmative event—an opportunity for the two colleges to collaborate in a spirit of cooperation and commitment.

"The true benefactors are the students of the two nursing programs and the literally thousands of patients that will be served by these students."

Faculty committees began reviewing courses relevant to the project last October and completed their reviews by the end of the year. Jackson and Brown are now writing the new articulated curriculum, using their findings from the New York City research and the committees' findings, and hope to gain the necessary approvals in time for full implementation in fall 1990, Jackson said.

"The articulation of our nursing program with that of the University of Texas at Tyler makes this a very

dynamic project," said Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins, TJC president. "We have every confidence that the curriculum developed in this project will be implemented by community and upper-level colleges throughout the state."

"The need to increase the number of registered nurses in the East Texas area has been well documented," said Dr. George F. Hamm, UT Tyler president. "We are pleased to join in this program to address that shortage."

The Sears PDF fund, created in February 1984, is directed by the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges and co-sponsored by the Association of Community College Trustees through the Keeping America Working project. The Sears program encourages and supports partnership activities that help community, technical and junior colleges meet the training needs of businesses, industries, labor and public agencies. Also, the project promotes joint high school-college efforts to prepare youth for employment.



### Presidential Scholarship Established by Florence and Marcus Strum

A gift of \$25,000 to establish a presidential scholarship is the latest in benefactions to Tyler Junior College from Florence and Marcus Strum of Tyler. Their scholarships for TJC sophomore students have

been in place for many years.

The Strums said they decided to endow a presidential scholarship because "we wanted to do something for Tyler, and we thought TJC was the best place to do it. The



College is such a great thing for Tyler, and we're proud of it. We believe if you educate the children, give them a good foundation, you're building for Tyler and the world."

Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins, president of TJC, said, "We are most grateful to the Strums for their continued interest in and support of Tyler Junior College. This gift will be an important part of our continuing effort to assist students achieve their educational goals at TJC."

Mr. Strum moved to Tyler from San Antonio when he was 26 and opened a small shoe department at Maxine's Ladies' Shop in downtown Tyler.

"My partner was a cousin who had a little store in Marshall called Leon's," Mr. Strum said. "We merged our businesses in 1929 and formed Leon's Corporation." Mr. Strum serves as CEO of the corporation that now boasts of 44 stores.

Mrs. Strum, a native of Tyler, is one of 11 Golenternek children; five are still living. Although only her brother Dan attended TJC, there's a scholarship at the College for everyone in the Golenternek family, she said.

The Strums met in Tyler shortly before she graduated from UT Austin. She taught two years in the Rio Grande Valley before they married.

They have two children: Shirley, who is president of Queen's College in New York; and Stan, who lives in Waco and is president of the Leon's Corporation. They also have eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A fourth great-grandchild is expected in February.

**A**pache Club members are special friends who share the philosophy of Tyler Junior College—a philosophy of providing quality education at minimal cost to students varying in interests, aptitudes, talents, needs and goals.

The goals of the Apache Club can be summed up in a single phrase: to enhance the human resources of Tyler Junior College so that its tradition of "opportunity with

excellence" in education will endure.

Members make an annual \$500 gift to the Tyler Junior College Foundation. The gift may be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or in one payment. These unrestricted funds are valuable because they enable the College to support programs and projects not completely funded by state and local revenues.

For more information call 214-531-2372.

## Tyler Junior College

### Apache Club Membership List

*The following people have joined the Tyler Junior College Apache Club through December 19, 1988.*

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Dr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Alexander	Mrs. D.K. Caldwell
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Dr. and Mrs. Don Allen	Dr. and Mrs. William H. Chambers
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 Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hightower  
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 Dr. and Mrs. C. Fagg Sanford  
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 Dr. and Mrs. Jon Schreiber  
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 Mr. and Mrs. Ron Shaffer  
 Mr. and Mrs. George Shannon  
 Mr. and Mrs. Norman Shtofman  
 Mr. and Mrs. Dannie Skipper  
 Mr. and Mrs. Jake Smith  
 Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Smith  
 Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Smith  
 Dr. and Mrs. William C. Smyth  
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 Dr. and Mrs. Eldon R. Steele  
 Dr. and Mrs. Donal W. Steph  
 Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Strawn  
 Mrs. J. Harold Stringer  
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 Mr. and Mrs. James E. Weaver  
 Mr. and Mrs. Bennett White  
 Mr. and Mrs. Jack White  
 Mr. and Mrs. Bill Whitehurst  
 Mrs. Jerry Williams  
 Mrs. W.C. Windsor  
 Ms. Betty J. Wise  
 Mr. and Mrs. Watson W. Wise  
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 Mr. and Mrs. Dan C. Woldert, Jr.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Sam L. Wolf  
 Dr. and Mrs. Paul W. Wright  
 Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Young





## TJC President Named UT Austin Distinguished Graduate

Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins, TJC president, was recently honored as a 1988 Distinguished Graduate of the Community College Leadership Program at the University of Texas at Austin.

The recognition ceremony was held in Austin.

Hawkins received his Ph.D. in educational administration from The University of Texas at Austin in 1972. He is a member of the board of directors of the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges; a member of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; chairman of the legislative affairs committee and president-elect of the Texas Public Community/Junior College Association; and immediate past-president of the Association of Texas Colleges and Universities.

He has also served as dean of instruction for the Tarrant County Junior College District, Northeast Campus, Fort Worth, Texas, and as director of community college programs for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

## FACULTY/STAFF BRIEFS

Joy Watson, instructor/interim coordinator of behavioral science, has been selected to Leadership Tyler, class of 1988-89.

*Touchstone*, TJC literary magazine, won third place in the regional literary magazine judging sponsored by Community College Humanities Association. *Touchstone* will now go with magazines from 15 other community colleges to a national judging. *Touchstone* sponsors were Noamie Byrum, Gloria Peggram and Judy Turman, English instructors. Linda Zeigler, instructor/coordinator of journalism and director of student publications, was responsible for layout and design of the magazine.

J.B. Holtz, coordinator of Holley Hall, recently published an article and spoke at two national conferences concerning the study he did involving basketball players and physical conditioning.

Frankie Muffoletto, director of counseling, has been selected as president of the board of directors of Smith County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

John Smith, residential life director, recently received notification that he has been awarded the title of Counselor in Training as part of the certification process as an alcoholism and drug abuse counselor in the State of Texas. John was also selected to serve on the Smith County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Board.

Emma Lou Prater, student activities director, has been selected to serve, along with Mike Peek of Trinity Valley Community College, as state advisor to the Texas Junior College Student Government Association.

Dr. Judy Barnes, reading instructor, recently co-authored a book, *Remedial Reading*, with Beverly Young, director of the remedial reading curriculum at Stephen F. Austin State University. The book, published by SEASU, is "on teaching teachers of reading," Barnes said.

Dee Miller, instructor/coordinator, vocational nursing, was recently elected president of the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners. Her election marks the first time a registered nurse has been chosen for that position.

Charles Johnson, Jr., director of financial aid and scholarships, has been named to the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators Committee for Institutional Management Services. The committee, which consists of 10 financial aid administrators from all over the U.S., meets periodically to make decisions which will benefit the membership of NASFAA. Johnson will serve a two-year tenure on the committee.

Steve Green, math instructor and assistant coordinator of the Success Oriented Studies (SOS); Jack Stone, computer science instructor; and Martha Hogan, math instructor and coordinator of computer learning services, have developed an efficient, time-saving computerized system of scoring and analyzing the diagnostic reading tests used in the SOS reading program.

Jim Yancy, English instructor, received a mini-grant from the Community College Humanities Association for the purpose of developing and implementing a humanities course.

The committee reviewing his proposal was impressed with what they considered the unique combination of courses.

The project submitted and approved is designed to organize and implement a new course of study in the basic humanities, taught historically, with three instructors team teaching. Currently, Yancy, Charline Wallis, art instructor, and J.W. Johnson, music instructor and choral activities director, are members of the team offering qualified students an opportunity to broaden their levels of cultural, social and aesthetic awareness.

Dr. Peter Jones, history instructor, has received a grant from Hibbs-Hallmark & Co., and Pacific Employers Insurance Co., to help underwrite the cost of a media-assisted social science seminar for teachers.

The purpose of the seminar is to help teachers showcase social studies in a way that brings the social sciences to life. Collections of commercially-prepared slides, video cassettes, and computer-assisted instruction software packages will be utilized. After a classroom presentation and discussion, the instructors will have an opportunity for hands-on use of the software packages.



All social science classroom teachers in the Tyler Junior College District will be invited to participate and will receive in-service credit for advanced academic training approved by the Texas Education Agency.

Gary Jordan, Apache Band director, is providing in-service training for Tyler Independent School District band directors. His topics include "Rehearsal Techniques" and "Fundamentals."

Linda Cross, history instructor, was awarded a research grant from the East Texas Historical Association at the ETHA 1988 fall meeting.

The grant, awarded through ETHA's Ottis Lock Award and matched by a grant from Tyler Junior College, will be applied toward an oral history project which Cross began in 1974. Since that time, Cross has collected some 300 tapes of personal interviews with veterans of World War II and Vietnam.

The grant will provide funds to have the transcription notes typed and bound for placement in the TJC Vaughn Library and Learning Resources Center. The tapes and transcriptions will be available to students and the public.

The East Texas Historical Association, which was formed in the early 1960's at Stephen F. Austin State University, promotes the writing and study of East Texas history. In addition to research grants, ETHA also awards student grants and teaching excellence awards to history teachers in public schools and colleges.

Tyler Junior College President Raymond M. Hawkins, Board of Trustees Member Edward M. Potter and Personnel Director Linda Fleet were program participants last fall in the 48th Annual Conference of the Association of Texas Community College Board Members and Administrators.

Hawkins, who is the current president-elect of the Texas Public Community/Junior College Association, was on a panel addressing "Community College Issues and Opportunities in the 71st Texas Legislature."

Potter participated on a panel concerning teaching and learning priorities. Fleet was part of a panel on health insurance cost-containment strategies.

The conference was supported by the Sid W. Richardson Foundation, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and Great American Reserve Insurance Company.

### Forensics Tournament Held

Trinity High School in Euless won sweepstakes in the Tournament of Roses High School Forensics Tournament at Tyler Junior College held last October.

Some 233 students from 16 high schools competed in the speech and drama tournament, which included competition in debate, poetry and prose reading, acting and extemporaneous speaking.

Kaufman High School placed second overall, followed by Longview High School in third and Lancaster High School in fourth.

### Former Presidential Scholar Receives Award

Rebecca Mangum of Tyler last fall received the 1988 *Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award*.

Dr. Bob Gaines, TJC dean of business and industrial technology, presented the award, which is given annually to an outstanding business graduate at TJC.

Mangum graduated with highest honors from TJC in May 1988 with an associate in arts degree with a concentration in business. She was a presidential scholar and member of Phi Theta Kappa honorary society at TJC.

She now attends the University of Texas at Tyler where she is majoring in accounting. She is also a presidential scholar at UT Tyler and is a member of the Student Foundation.

After receiving a business degree, she hopes to pursue a master's degree and CPA certification.

The Robert E. Lee High School graduate is married to Jim Mangum and is employed by W.C. Hauk, CPA, of Tyler.

The *Wall Street Journal Award*, made possible through the Dow Jones and Company Education Service Bureau, includes a one-year subscription to the *Wall Street Journal*, a personalized paperweight, and inscription on a plaque displayed in TJC's business division.

### Calling All Former TJC Students in the Houston, Dallas and Austin Areas

If you are a former Tyler Junior College student living in and around Houston, Dallas or Austin, please mark your calendar for a TJC Alumni Association gala evening coming your way.

We'll be in:  
Houston—Thursday, February 23  
Dallas—Thursday, April 20  
Austin—Thursday, May 4

We want to send an invitation to all former students living in these three areas, but we have a problem. We don't have names and addresses of all of them.

Will you help us? Please send us names (include spouses), addresses, and if you know phone numbers, send those too.

Also please let us know if you have a new address.

Mail to: Director, Special Events  
Tyler Junior College  
P. O. Box 9020  
Tyler, Texas 75711

For more information, call 214-531-2372.

*Watch for your invitation. It will be arriving a few weeks before the scheduled date.*





## CLASS NOTES

1949

Former Apache football player **Bob Talkington** recently retired from the Kansas Legislature with glowing reports of accomplishments. Talkington is a 20-year-veteran in the Kansas House and Senate. Before retiring, he had served as president of the Senate since 1984. He was described in *The Manhattan Mercury* as a "legislative giant with a firm hand and gentle persuasion."

1952

**Dr. Wiley Roosth** of Tyler was recently recertified as a diplomat of the American Board of Family Practice after passing a recertification examination offered by ABFP. The written examination is designed to prove the candidate's continuing competence in the basic components of family practice: internal medicine, surgery, obstetric and gynecology, pediatrics, psychiatry and neurology, as well as community medicine.

1957

**Joe Prud'homme, M.D.**, was recently named to the Texas Simmental/Simbrah Association Board of Directors. Prud'homme is a former president of TSSA and has served two terms as president of the East Texas Simmental Association. He is also a member of the Tri-County Association and serves as chairman of the state association's Long Range Planning Committee.

**John Whitham** is a lieutenant with the Smith County Sheriff's Department. He lives in Tyler.

1959

**Arthur Fiste** lives in Lynn, Massachusetts with his wife and two children. He is a teacher for the public schools and North Shore Community College. Also, he is a sales consultant for Johnson & Johnson Co.

1968

**Paul LeMaire Jr.** is a professional mechanical engineer in Lewisville where he lives with his wife **Carolyn LeBlanc** (also class of '68).

1969

**Linda Morton** is an RN at Harris Methodist Mexia Hospital in Donie. She and her husband have a 15-year-old son **Danny**. She enjoys restoring their 100-year-old farm home, as well as raising livestock.

1971

**Mariane (Yelvington) Hutto**, a former Apache Band member, is married with two children, **Lauren** 8, and **Ryan** 4. She lives in Round Rock where she is employed part time for the Round Rock Independent School District.

1972

**Valerie (Ford) Monrad** was married in 1978 and lived in Charleston, SC, where she received a degree in graphic arts from a technology college there. She currently lives in Aurora, CO, where she works with visual design and display for JCPenney Department Stores.

1974

**Staci Lynn (Norris) Mannix** recently moved to Dallas.

1975

**Mary Jo (Andrews) Carpenter**, a medical technologist, currently holds a supervisory position on the nightshift at Stewart Blood Center in Tyler. She has two daughters, **Jennifer**, 6 and **Joanna**, 3.

1978

**Sam L. Fleming** works as a freelance animator after graduating from the International Institute of Animation in Toronto. He is presently working on some "Peanuts" cartoons which will be aired on CBS. He lives in Sherman Oaks, California with his wife and son.

**Corky Boyd** is an independent insurance broker in Tyler.

**Nina Y. Rogers** is an associate registrar and English instructor at Ambassador College in Pasadena, California.

1979

**Patricia (McClatchey) Ford** recently married and currently resides in Marshall.

1980

**Trace Hallowell** was named senior art director/associate creative director for the advertising agency of Thompson and Company in Memphis, TN. He was former art director with Bozell, Jacobs, Kenyon and Eckhardt, Inc., and with Earle Palmer Brown/KKB in Atlanta, GA.

**Brian McCabe** was recently promoted to assistant vice president of Southside State Bank in Tyler. McCabe joined Southside in May 1983 as a teller. He was promoted to head teller in June 1984 and to operations officer in June 1985.

**Melanie (Bowers) Molina** lives in Mt. Pleasant with her two daughters and husband. He is self-employed with Complete Landscape Service.

1982

**Barbara Alexander** has been promoted to assistant vice president and bank card officer at First City National Bank of Tyler. She has been with the bank since 1976 in the financial services area, most recently serving as a financial product sales representative.

**Chuck Brawner** has been named store director of Brookshire's Troup store. He joined the company in 1978 at the company's store in Bonham and has since worked at stores in El Dorado, AR and Natchitoches, LA, plus stores in Commerce, Pittsburg, Plano and Tyler. During his career, he has worked as a grocery manager, assistant store manager, co-manager and store director.



## 1983

Ann Starnes of Tyler was appointed to the position of Smith County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Executive Director. She is completing her work toward state certification as a drug and alcohol abuse counselor.

## 1984

Marvin P. Davis recently married Judith Lynn Kinser. He is a manager trainee at the ITT Financial Institute in DeSoto.

William Scott James is a service/ salesman of x-ray equipment in Dallas.

Alana (Low) Mason will graduate soon from UT Tyler with a degree in business administration. She is an administration services supervisor.

Susan Miller will receive a juris doctor degree from the Reynaldo Garza School of Law in Edinburg, in May 1989.

Yvonne Marie Whitehead graduated from UT Tyler with a B.S. in criminal justice, and is presently employed with Jones, Day, Reavis and Pogue in Dallas as a project assistant.

Diana (Golemon) York recently married Bryan York. She works as a word processing specialist at East Texas State University in Commerce, where they live.

## 1985

Pam Bratton recently graduated from Southwest Texas State University with a bachelor's degree in public relations and a minor in psychology. Currently she is a Continental flight attendant.

LaVerne (Jackson) McCann gave birth to LaDerika Shardee McCann on October 2, 1988.

Felisha Joyce Owens is a checker at Brookshire's Grocery Co. in Gilmer, where she resides.

## 1986

Tracy Crawford is a data operator for Bealls D.C. in Jacksonville.

William Krisher, former Sigma Phi Epsilon member, attended North Texas State University after graduating from TJC. In May 1988, he joined the United States Navy and is currently in student status at the Naval Air Technical Training Center in Millington, TN.

Georgia (Sandefur) Lowery recently married Randy Lowery. She is a student at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Laura Bland Rice graduated summa laude last August from Stephen F. Austin State University. She earned a B.S. degree with majors in English and elementary education.

Catherine Seagraves was recently promoted to a position as an executive secretary in Houston, where she resides.

## 1987

Valerie (Autrey) Broadway recently married Jerry Broadway. She is employed as a medical laboratory technician for Trinity Valley Medical Center in Athens.

Jimmy D. Cunningham graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a B.S. in history.

Sheila Johnson is majoring in accounting at Baylor University in Waco.

## 1988

Patricia Anderson passed the State Board of Nursing in July 1988, and is now working as a registered nurse in Tyler.

Annette (Pizzitola) O'Neal recently married Danny O'Neal. He is co-owner and operator of O'Neals Landscape & Lawn Maintenance.

Tabatha Ethelian McQueen presently works as a cashier at VF Factory Outlet in Sulphur Springs, where she resides.

## National Sports Events Draw Nigh and You're Invited

Tyler Junior College hosts:

- National Junior College Athletic Association's Women's Basketball Tournament  
March 12-18  
All day, Wagstaff Gym and Gentry Gym  
For ticket information, call 214-531-2320
- National Junior College Athletic Association Men's Tennis Tournament  
May 21-27  
All day, TJC tennis courts  
For more information, call 214-531-2320

## WEDDINGS

Janice Kay McGrew of Mena, '78, and John Morgan Sims, III of Malvern, AR, '78, were married on Oct. 29. They reside in Kermit where he is an electronic technician with Natural Gas and Pipeline.

Susan Grindle, '87, and Michael Beall, '89, were married on Aug. 27. She is a department manager at Dillard's, and he is employed by Patterson Trading Company. They reside in Tyler.



## DEATHS

1942

James D. Kay, 64, of Mountain Pine, Arkansas, died Sept. 17 after a long illness. He was a former offset print foreman for Gulf Printing. He was a Mason and a member of the Scottish Rite. Survivors include his wife and daughter.

1954

Paul J. Conway, 55, of Tyler, died Sept. 23, after a sudden illness. He was a Korean conflict Navy veteran and an employee of A.M. Campbell Construction Company and was a vice president and construction engineer at Lone Star General Contractors. Survivors include his wife, daughter, brother, sister and grandson.

### Instructor

George Michael Cunningham, 45, TJC chemistry instructor, died October 12 in Tyler. Cunningham, a Brownwood native, received his bachelor's degree from Howard Payne University and his master's degree from West Texas State University. He joined the TJC faculty in 1970. He is survived by his wife and daughter.



"A lovely girl, smart as they make them; quick as a flash; sassy as a jay bird. I wish that there were more like her."

Years ago Professor W. T. Mather wrote those words on a Christmas card to Mabel Williams. And for more than 80 years, hundreds of students, fellow teachers and friends found them true. Williams died Sept. 11, 1988, less than a week after her 89th birthday. Ill health confined her for the past couple of years, but until then she was avidly interested in friends, former students and flowers.

Williams joined the TJC faculty in 1936, while the College was still part of Tyler Independent School District. She came here from Port Arthur where she had taught high school Latin. She taught math and physics until her retirement in 1970, and served as department chairman from 1950 to 1970.

Williams earned a bachelor's degree in 1934 from The University of Texas at Austin, graduating *cum laude* in physics and math. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa there and returned for a master's degree. She was also a member of Delta Kappa Gamma education society and First Baptist Church.

"She was a lady dedicated totally to teaching. That was her whole life," said Marvin Davis, TJC math instructor/coordinator.

"She was truly one of the great teachers of TJC," said former Dean E.M. Potter. "She was such a great teacher that her former students would come back to see her."

Although she spent most of her life in the classroom and kept in touch with former students as they moved from her TJC classes into the working world, she also loved

## In Memoriam

Mabel Williams  
(1899-1988)

flowers. Her backyard was a spring-time drift of azaleas in three shades of pink, her favorite color, followed in summer by a row of tall pink crepe myrtles, a gift from the grateful parent whose son she had helped through the bewildering maze of mathematics. A magnificent Japanese maple, which has for years drawn visitors to her front yard, last fall was brighter than usual as even her garden marked her departure with a blaze of beauty.

A *TJC News* story from the early 1950's indicates her style and dedication. "Because of her good sense of humor, her friendliness and her ability, she is a very popular instructor," the story says. "Anyone passing Miss Williams' office during her office hours will find her giving individual instruction to those students who have come for extra help. She is conscientious and untiring in her efforts . . . to develop strong mathematics and physics students."

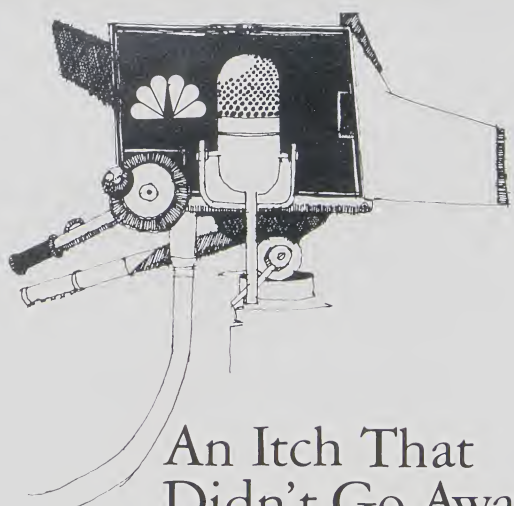
Her colleagues admired and praised her.

"She mainly taught advanced courses such as analytic geometry and calculus," said David Demic, math instructor. "Lots of teachers used her as a pattern for teaching."

"She was an excellent model for dedicated teachers. She worked hard at her job, and she expected her students to work hard. We thought a lot of her, and we're very saddened to lose a friend like her," Davis said.

A native of Pittsburg, she was buried there in Rose Hill Cemetery. She is survived by her brother Don of Dallas, her cousin James Connor Cheatham of Tyler, nieces, nephews and cousins.





## An Itch That Didn't Go Away

BY DOTTIE ROARK

**W**hen Vonda Brigham was a little girl, her dream was to be a singer when she grew up because she wanted to travel, meet people and do exciting things.

But as a student at Chapel Hill High School, she discovered her talent in another field that could get her into an exciting life. Vonda's not a singer now, but she's on the news every day—she's behind the desk or "on the scene" reporting for Channel 4 in Port Arthur.

"It's like an itch—I like to be a part of things, a part of what's happening," said the new reporter at KJAC, an NBC affiliate station covering the Port Arthur-Beaumont-Orange area of approximately 200,000 people.

"When I placed second in state competition in a high school speech contest and then won first place in the national competition, I knew then I had something—a knack," Vonda said.

So after graduating from CHHS in 1984, she began working toward her new goal in broadcast journalism, starting with an associate of arts degree in speech and communication from Tyler Junior College in 1986.

Two weeks after she began classes at Texas Christian University, she



applied for an internship at Channel 5, KXAS, in Fort Worth and got it. Before she received her bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism from TCU last May, she had served a second internship at another station in Fort Worth—Channel 8, WFAA.

Vonda doesn't attribute her new job to good luck. "I've always planned ahead and set goals. I knew if I graduated with honors, I could get a scholarship, so I kept up my grades in high school and at TJC."

Vonda did graduate with honors from high school and TJC. She received the Brady P. Gentry Academic Scholarship at TJC and was also chosen as a Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholar.

Her other honors and activities included Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, National Dean's List, Who's Who in Junior College Students, National Association of Black Journalists, Kappa Tau Alpha Honor Society for Journalism, and Women as Leaders Symposium.

To others who have a dream or an "itch," Vonda advised, "You've got to believe in yourself first. Then listen to the advice of others, and think it over, but when it comes down to it, you make the decision. And when you've decided, you make a plan and you stick to it."





# Facing Up to Highfalutin Financial Jargon

BY PAT LOGAN

**M**y son Alex likes to stroll about with a *Wall Street Journal* tucked under his arm.

I could have predicted his turn of mind that summer when he was 13. He cleaned up the storeroom, installed fans, pitched a few worn pillows here and there for comfort, and charged the neighborhood adolescent boys a quarter to view some ancient copies of *Playboy* he'd scrounged from a friend's older brother.

Foreshadowing his love of things financial, this venture also revealed a certain ability to recognize peak market performance.

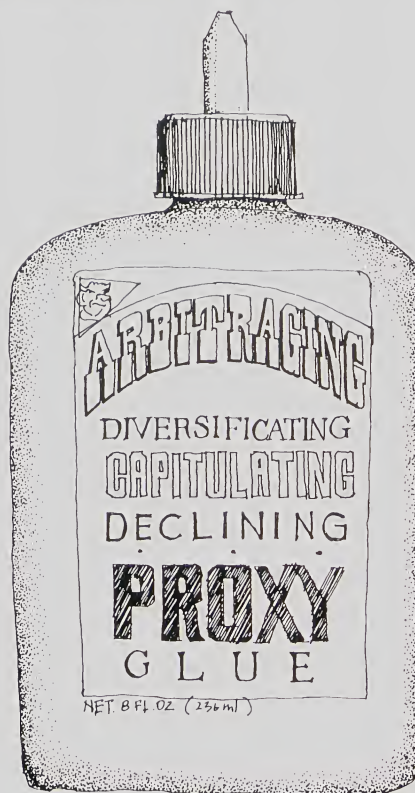
"Look," I remonstrated, "you simply cannot proceed with this cub scout den of iniquity."

"Oh, that's okay," he replied. "I didn't have any overhead, it's been clear profit, and I've made inroads on the allowance of just about every kid on the street."

Last year after the stock market scare, I was nervous until I could reach Alex by phone. "Oh, it's okay," he said, reminiscent of the calm attitude of his 13th summer. He then launched into a technical explanation of how it was all going to be all right. I didn't understand a word he said, but his tone was infinitely reassuring.

He is patient with me because he knows the abysmal length and depth of my ignorance. "Hostile takeover" totally escapes me. Only recently did I discover what "bottom line" really means. And for years I thought "proxy" was a kind of glue.

Occasionally I will fantasize that the AT&T quarterly report is actually a way they are trying to reach out and touch someone, and, thus encouraged, I will gingerly unfold the impeccably printed brochure. I first sneak a look to see if there are any cartoons, and finding none, I read the text.



"Business is contracting, stock index indicates arbitrage, international diversification has capitulated, mutual funds have stagnated and re-entry maneuvers are on the decline."

Yipes! I don't have to comprehend that to know it's ominous. But the next paragraph fills with me joy.

"While caution is advised, it would appear the environment, though not ripe for immediate low-option expanding, holds possibilities of impacting the total hidden dividend picture."

After several pages of this circumscription and circumscribing the circumscription, I fasten on an item called Investment Objective. NOW we're getting somewhere. "The investment objective is a total return concept of current income and consecutive long-term capital appreciation." That gives me something to ruminate on while I wash the dishes and haul out the garbage. I devoutly hope it isn't what it sounds like: eating your cake and having it too.

One bit of financial terminology does excite me, and that's the "weak dollar" and the "strong dollar." Not that I understand it any better—it's just that it is something one can visualize. The weak dollar is tattered around the edges and George looks more wooden than ever; the strong dollar is new and crisp and George has had his wig set and bought some better fitting teeth.

Domestic and foreign currency offers an opportunity for the guys and gals in the three-piece suits to put a little poetry in their lives. How about this: "The Japanese yen has gone to bed long before the Swiss franc and the London pound greet the dawn."

I'm afraid the financiers are not going to hire me to do their writing.

Oh well, I take comfort in the fact that my son at least is well qualified for the world of finance. Not only does he have a *Wall Street Journal* and a three-piece suit—he even has a Roman numeral after his name.



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## '88 Homecoming in Apacheland

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Wow! What a homecoming it turned out to be. TJC beat Kilgore 24 to 12, the Apache Belles and Rangerettes performed during halftime in what has to be the most spectacular show west of the Mississippi, Campus Capers played to a full house and close to 500 people came for a homecoming brunch.

Special guests were the 1963 Conference Winning Apache football team. Ten of the 35 team members attended the reunion along with Coaches Babe Hallmark and Mac Reynolds.

The team then and now:

John Allison was one of the starting offensive guards from Henderson. He and his wife Nancy live in Fort Worth where he is employed by Texas Utilities.

Jimmy Ashford, a sophomore from Houston's Smiley High School, played end and quarterback. He, his wife and two children live in the Houston area (Spring, Texas) where he works for Houston Power and Light Company.

Mike Breedlove was a freshman guard from Robert E. Lee High School in Tyler. He attended SMU and is a graduate of UT Arlington. Mike and his wife Kay live in Tyler where he has his own company for tax planning, investments and insurance. Their son plays football for TCU.

Paul Estes, a freshman fullback, lives in Malvern, Arkansas where he is in the computer business.

Clayton Fontenot was a starting linebacker from Jacksonville. He's single and lives in Baton Rouge, Louisiana where he works as a sales engineer for Westinghouse. He graduated from Lamar University.

Tommy Harrison was a freshman halfback from Mineola. He transferred his sophomore year to Baylor University where he earned a bachelor's degree. He holds a master's degree from Oklahoma State University and a Ph.D. degree from Michigan State University. Now a Baylor professor, he holds the Peat Marwick-Thomas L. Holton Chair of Accounting. He, his wife and two children live in Waco.

Jay Heilman was a freshman cornerback from Jacksonville. After TJC, he played football for Tarleton State University. He now works for the City of Euless. He and his wife travel to Tyler several times each year to attend TJC football and basketball games.

Jack Myers, a tackle, transferred to SMU where he went out for football and earned a full scholarship. He holds a bachelor's degree and law degree from SMU. He served as an officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam Conflict. He was stationed on the East Coast and in Japan and was a legal officer on one of the U.S. aircraft carriers. After the war, Jack returned to Dallas and practiced law with the firm of Irion, Cain, Magee and Davis. In 1979 he opened his own offices as a sale-practitioner. He and his wife Judy live in Dallas.

Bob Sanders, starting center from Van, was voted as one of the team's honorary co-captains. After he graduated from North Texas State University, he played football for the Atlanta Falcons and the Los Angeles Rams. He and his wife live in New Orleans where he is employed by Joseph Canizaro Construction Company.

John Snell was a basketball player who decided to play football in his sophomore year and made Junior College All-American. He played halfback and wide receiver. He attended the University of Houston where he played one year of baseball. He and his wife own Flair Cleaners in Houston.







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## Coming Events

**February 2.** Student Enrichment Series. The One O'Clock Lab Band of The University of North Texas, 7:30 p.m., Wise Auditorium. No charge, public invited.

**February 6.** Basketball: TJC vs. Angelina College, 6 p.m., Women; 8 p.m., Men, Wagstaff Gym.

**February 8.** Basketball: TJC vs. Jacksonville College, 6 p.m., Women, Jacksonville.

**February 11.** Basketball: TJC vs. Panola Junior College, 6 p.m., Women; 8 p.m., Men, Carthage.

**February 15.** Basketball: TJC vs. Lon Morris College, 7:30 p.m., Men, Wagstaff Gym.

**February 16-21.** *A Lie of the Mind* by Sam Shepard, 7:30 p.m., 2 p.m. Sunday Matinee, Jean Browne Theatre in the Watson W. Wise and Emma Wise Cultural Arts Center. Call 214-531-2210 for reservations.

**February 18.** Basketball: TJC vs. Kilgore College, 6 p.m., Women, 8 p.m., Men, Kilgore.

**February 20.** Basketball: TJC vs. Trinity Valley Community College, 6 p.m., Women, 8 p.m., Men, Wagstaff Gym.

**February 23.** Student Enrichment Series. Werner Fornos, speaker, 9:50 a.m., Wise Auditorium. No charge, public invited.

**February 23-24.** Basketball: Playoffs for Women, time and place to be announced.

**February 25-27.** Basketball: Playoffs for Men, time and place to be announced.

**March 9-11.** Annual Spring Musical, 7:30 p.m., Wise Auditorium. Call 214-531-2213 for ticket information.

**March 12-18.** National Junior College Athletic Association Women's Basketball Tournament, all day, Wagstaff Gym and Gentry Gym. Call 214-531-2320 for information about tickets.

**March 16.** Student Enrichment Series. Dr. Michael DeBakey, speaker, 9 a.m., Wise Auditorium. Free to the public. Call 214-531-2548 for reservations. No charge, public invited.

**March 18-26.** Spring Holidays. All offices closed.

**April 10-13.** Early Fall 1989 Registration, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Wagstaff Gym. Call 214-531-2400, 2401 for more information.

**April 25.** Apache Jazz Band Spring Concert, 8 p.m., Wise Auditorium. Call 214-531-2242 for ticket information.

**April 27.** TJC Symphonic Band Spring Concert, 8 p.m., Wise Auditorium. Call 214-531-2242 for ticket information.

**April 27-May 2.** *Noises Off* by Michael Frayn, 7:30 p.m., 2 p.m. Sunday Matinee, Jean Browne Theatre in the Watson W. Wise and Emma Wise Cultural Arts Center. Call 214-531-2210 for reservations.

**May 5.** Annual Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m., Wise Auditorium.

**May 21-27.** National Junior College Athletic Association Men's Tennis Tournament, TJC campus.

**May 30.** Summer Session I Registration, 1:00 to 7:00 p.m., Gentry Gym.

*Lanterns grace the outside corners of the Watson W. Wise and Emma Wise Cultural Arts Center. The building houses TJC's speech, theatre and music programs. Photo by Paul Talley.*

